

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

-v-

MAURICE CURTIS,

Defendant.

No. 18-cr-373 (RJS)  
ORDER

RICHARD J. SULLIVAN, Circuit Judge:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the parties shall appear for a guilty plea on a superseding information on November 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Because the Court understands that it is Defendant Maurice Curtis's preference to proceed remotely in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the proceeding will occur using the CourtCall videoconference platform. In addition, due to the flexibility required to accommodate the planning of proceedings involving detained individuals, the Court will reserve (and the parties shall calendar) November 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. as an alternative date for the proceeding. The Court will email the parties directly with instructions for accessing the CourtCall conference. A separate order will follow containing instructions for members of the public to monitor the proceedings.

If possible, defense counsel shall discuss the attached Waiver of Right with Curtis prior to the proceeding. If Curtis consents, and is able to sign the form (either personally or by defense counsel), defense counsel shall provide the Court with the executed form at least 24 hours prior to the proceeding. In the event that Curtis consents, but counsel is unable to obtain or affix Curtis's

signature on the form, the Court will conduct an inquiry at the outset of the proceeding to determine whether it is appropriate for the Court to add Curtis's signature to the form.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 9, 2020  
New York, New York



RICHARD J. SULLIVAN  
UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE  
Sitting by Designation

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**WAIVER OF RIGHT TO BE PRESENT  
AT CRIMINAL PROCEEDING**

**18-CR-373 (RJS)**

**Check Proceeding that Applies**

Entry of Plea of Guilty

I am aware that I have been charged with violations of federal law. I have consulted with my attorney about those charges. I have decided that I wish to enter a plea of guilty to certain charges. I understand I have a right to appear before a judge in a courtroom in the Southern District of New York to enter my plea of guilty and to have my attorney beside me as I do. I am also aware that the public health emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic has interfered with travel and restricted access to the federal courthouse. I have discussed these issues with my attorney. By signing this document, I wish to advise the court that I willingly give up my right to appear in person before the judge to enter a plea of guilty. By signing this document, I also wish to advise the court that I willingly give up any right I might have to have my attorney next to me as I enter my plea so long as the following conditions are met. I want my attorney to be able to participate in the proceeding and to be able to speak on my behalf during the proceeding. I also want the ability to speak privately with my attorney at any time during the proceeding if I wish to do so.

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Defendant

Sentence

I understand that I have a right to appear before a judge in a courtroom in the Southern District of New York at the time of my sentence and to speak directly in that courtroom to the judge who will sentence me. I am also aware that the public health emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic has interfered with travel and restricted access to the federal courthouse. I do not wish to wait until the end of this emergency to be sentenced. I have discussed these issues with my attorney and willingly give up my right to be present, at the time my sentence is imposed, in the courtroom with my attorney and the judge who will impose that sentence. By signing this document, I wish to advise the court that I willingly give up my right to appear in a courtroom in the Southern District of New York for my sentencing proceeding as well as my right to have my attorney next to me at the time of sentencing on the following conditions. I want my attorney to be able to participate in the proceeding and to be able to speak on my behalf at the proceeding.

I also want the ability to speak privately with my attorney at any time during the proceeding if I wish to do so.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name

Signature of Defendant

I hereby affirm that I am aware of my obligation to discuss with my client the charges against my client, my client's rights to attend and participate in the criminal proceedings encompassed by this waiver, and this waiver and consent form. I affirm that my client knowingly and voluntarily consents to the proceedings being held with my client and me both participating remotely.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name

Signature of Defense Counsel

**Addendum for a defendant who requires services of an interpreter:**

I used the services of an interpreter to discuss these issues with the defendant. The interpreter also translated this document, in its entirety, to the defendant before the defendant signed it. The interpreter's name is: \_\_\_\_\_.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Defense Counsel

**Accepted:** \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Judge

Date: